- 1. (Currently amended) A substantially pure polypeptide consisting essentially of a BAX ART domain.
- 2. (Currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said BAX <u>ART</u> domain is human BAX <u>ART (SEQ ID NO:3)</u>, mouse BAX <u>ART (SEQ ID NO:4)</u>, or rat BAX <u>ART (SEQ ID NO:5)</u>.
  - 3-5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide BAX ART domain has the sequence MDGSG(E/D)(Q/H)(L/P)(R/G)(S/G)GGPTSSEQI (SEQ ID NO: 1).
  - 7-9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially pure polypeptide consisting essentially of a BAX ART domain and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
  - 11-13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 10, wherein said BAX <u>ART domain</u> is human BAX <u>ART (SEQ ID NO: 3)</u>, mouse BAX <u>ART (SEQ ID NO: 4)</u>, or rat BAX <u>ART (SEQ ID NO: 5)</u>.
  - 15. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 10, wherein said

polypeptide <u>BAX ART domain</u> has the sequence MDGSG(E/D)(Q/H)(L/P)(R/G)(S/G)GGPTSSEQI (SEQ ID NO: 1).

16-29. (Cancelled)

- 30. (New) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide consists of a BAX ART domain.
- 31. (New) The polypeptide of claim 2, wherein said polypeptide consists of human BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 3), mouse BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 4), or rat BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 5).
- 32. (New) The polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said polypeptide consists of human BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 3).
- 33. (New) The polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said polypeptide consists of mouse BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 4).
- 34. (New) The polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said polypeptide consists of rat BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 5).
- 35. (New) A polypeptide consisting essentially of the sequence MDGSG(E/D)(Q/H)(L/P)(R/G)(S/G)GGPTSSEQI (SEQ ID NO: 1).
- 36. (New) The polypeptide of claim 35, wherein said polypeptide consists of the sequence MDGSG(E/D)(Q/H)(L/P)(R/G)(S/G)GGPTSSEQI (SEQ ID NO: 1).
  - 37. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein said polypeptide consists of a

BAX ART domain.

- 38. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein said polypeptide consists of human BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 3), mouse BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 4), or rat BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 5).
- 39. (New) The composition of claim 38, wherein said polypeptide consists of human BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 3).
- 40. (New) The composition of claim 38, wherein said polypeptide consists of mouse BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 4).
- 41. (New) The composition of claim 38, wherein said polypeptide consists of rat BAX ART (SEQ ID NO: 5).
- 42. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein said polypeptide consists of the sequence MDGSG(E/D)(Q/H)(L/P)(R/G)(S/G)GGPTSSEQI (SEQ ID NO: 1)